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1. Three thousand North Korean troops are in Seoul with 100 Russian-made tanks.*
2. As of 29 June the South Korean Army still had 40,000 effective troops. The South Koreans have lost all their artillery and now have only five MA-5 reconnaissance vehicles which comprise the bulk of their armor. They are very low on ammunition of all kinds, but have enough small arms. Air support is not in evidence, although it is known to exist.
3. The South Korean defense has broken down east of Seoul, west of Seoul Incheon is being held.
4. The Han River bridge, which is two miles west of Seoul, was blown up by the Korean Chief of Staff, CHAE Byung-duk, after the South Korean Army headquarters had left Seoul. CHAE did not notify the Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG) of this action. Approximately 600-800 people were killed at the Han River bridge and the road west from Seoul was effectively closed, blocking the exit from the city of other South Korean troops and refugees. The South Korean Army headquarters was established at a point ten miles west of Seoul. The KMAG personnel left Seoul individually and on foot. KMAG was re-established at Suwon on the morning of 28 June. The evacuation of Seoul developed into a rout which was finally stopped by General Church who organized groups to turn the refugees aside into an assembly area where they could be re-grouped.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. This number of tanks has been reported by five different sources.

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